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OF THE

### DIRECTORS

OF THE

### Michigan Central Railroad

COMPANY,

TO THE

### STOCKHOLDERS;

TOGETHER WITH THE

REPORTS OF THE TREASURER AND SUPERINTENDENT.

JUNE, 1852.

BOSTON: 1852. EASTBURN'S PRESS.

### REPORT.

Report of the Directors of the Michigan Central Railroad Company, to the Stockholders.

We present you herewith the Reports of Mr. Upton, Treasurer, and of Mr. Brooks, Superintendent and Engineer, giving details of the operations of their several departments, for the year ending 31st May, 1852. You will see that our gross receipts have been—

Passengers, Freight, Miscellaneous,	1852, "	\$580,437.62 418,938.97 75,917.56	Against 1851, "	\$505,964.31 412,362.50 48,777.75
	#	51,075,294.15		\$967,104.56
Our expenses end of interest, cluding the protecting, so ening and rethe May Flow replacing the penter's Sho	but in- cost of trength- enewing wer, and te Car-			
ed at Detroit		470.930.97	Against 1851,	400,839.86
Our surplus fr	om last	604,363.28	"	566,264.70
year, -	om last	76,312.83	"	18,061.77
Net Receipts,		680,676.11	"	584,326.47
Interest, -		274,379.62	46	277,469.64
Applicable to D Dividend 1851,		406,296.49	66	306,856.83
cent, -		404,138.00		230,544.00
Leaving prese ance of Inco count, -		\$2,158.49	"	<b>\$76,312.83</b>

When our Dividend was declared last December, we had reserved from our Income fund about \$57,000, and had every reason, from the large amount of produce reported to be in the interior, to expect a large increase of business during the winter and spring.

The severe winter and the opening of the Lakes five or six weeks later than last year, together with the falling off in the amount of breadstuffs brought forward, have proved serious drawbacks to our last six months' receipts.

The accident to the "May Flower" has	
cost in addition to the first estimate, say,	\$40,000
The carpenter's shop burned has cost,	
say,	20,000

Making our income fund, say, - - \$60,000 short of what we had a right to expect.

We call attention to this statement, because we think it the true policy of the Company to make only such Dividends as will leave a reasonable surplus on hand for contingencies, and the result proves that our reserve was sufficient to *meet* the combination of unfavorable circumstances, although it leaves us with a very small surplus at the moment.

On the other hand the manifest economy in working the Road, which has grown out of its gradual improvement and of our increased experience, indicates an advance that is independent of accident.

Mr. Brooks's tables show that we have earned \$1,069-947.97, at a cost of - - - \$470,930.47 from which for comparison with other Roads should be deducted May Flower repairs

Amount brought forward,	_	\$470,930.47
and carpenter's shop, -	86,000	
and the State tax (increased		
this year in conformity with		
our charter,) say	47,000	\$133,000.00
, ,		
Leaving less than 32 per		
cent. on our gross earnings,		<b>\$</b> 337,930.47

With our heavy iron all laid, our track improved by the large amount of graveling done, (in addition to that of previous years) our machinery in good order, and our route widely advertised by the large numbers who have passed over it, we are in a strong position for any competition which the coming season may bring to us. Mr. Brooks's suggestions in regard to the possible effect of the Southern Road upon ours during the coming year, are well worthy the attention of such of our Stockholders as have felt uneasy at the prospect of seeing another Road running upon an average twenty-five miles distant from us through the rich State of Michigan.

We have never pretended to monopolize the Rail-road traffic around the foot of Lake Michigan, but it is clear to the most careless observer that we have, even now, business enough to give us, with only a moderate share of the through traffic, reasonable returns upon our investment, and when the winter barriers, formed by Lake Erie on the east, and the deep Prairies of Illinois on the west, are removed by the completion of the various plank and iron Roads, now in course of construction, it would be absurd in any one Company to expect to remain long in possession of the whole immense transportation.

In regard to the litigous attacks upon us by the

Southern Michigan Company, we would remark that before making our arrangements with the New Albany and Salem Railroad Company, we consulted the highest counsel both at the east and the west, and every step which has since been taken by our opponents or by the Legal Tribunals before which they have called us, has strengthened the conviction which we have always had of the soundness of the advice under which we have acted, and of the vexatious and frivolous character of the proceedings against us, which it will be remembered have uniformly been instituted by them, and thus far, as uniformly decided in our favor.

Passing to matters of more practical interest, we have the satisfaction of informing you that we have succeeded, in spite of many obstacles, in completing our connection with Chicago, a city destined to become the converging point of the passengers from the whole northwest, and from a large portion of the west.

The principal Illinois Roads are pressing towards this point with great vigor, and their early completion may be counted upon as certain.

A few months hence St. Louis will be connected with our line by one or more Roads, and the Mobile and Ohio Company are quietly but efficiently pushing their work towards Cairo, where possibly in two years, and certainly in four, they will complete their connection with the north.

The arrangements of the New Albany Road from the Ohio to Michigan City, are now made, and we may count on more or less benefit from this connection, within the year.

Still more important to us, is the now certain success of the Great Western Road; all that men and money and skill can do may be relied on to push that great work through; and while we are led to hope that it will be finished within a year from this time, we consider it practically certain that it will be in full operation from Niagara River to Windsor before the winter of 1853-4—thus leaving us shut up but one more winter.

To appreciate the value of these works to us, it is only necessary to look to the tables of winter earnings for several years back.

A glance at them will show that the moment Lake Erie closes, Michigan becomes isolated from the seaboard, and our Railroad traffic is instantly reduced to about the amount of our operating expenses, and sometimes even lower, until the melting ice sets us free again.

It is difficult to say how much of this effect is produced by the execrable winter highways across the fertile plains of Illinois, but with these tables before us, who can doubt that when both obstructions are removed by the completion of the Railroads making, we shall commence an entirely new era in our winter business?

We are fully aware that everywhere Railroad traffic is materially checked during the severity of the season; but where else do we see the earnings of a Road fall, as ours have, from the earnings of October of the years 1848, 1849, 1850, 1851, when they averaged

\$140,000 to such earnings as the months of December,
January, February and March of the years
1849, 1850, 1851, 1852 show, being only
about, per month, - - - - 25,000
while they rise again in May of the corresponding years to an average of - - \$120,000
being nearly five times the monthly earnings of the winter months.

When it is considered that the Lake is usually open during part of December, and sometimes during part of March, the comparison becomes still more striking. Of the 400,000 emigrants which it is supposed now reach this country annually, a large share settle in Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota and Missouri, which States are sure, before many years, to be interlaced with Railways, all more or less contributory to our line; and when the thrifty farmers of these States can leave their houses at the leisure season, after the ground is closed by frost, and in a few hours visit the Atlantic States, whence so many of them have emigrated, who can estimate the extent of this entirely new source of business?

Thirty-three hours will then suffice to take a passenger from Chicago to New York. Ten hours more should include the inhabitants along the Mississippi, and a day's travel from beyond the banks of that river should bring in those on the present outskirts of our settlements, while three days ought to be enough to travel over our route from Mobile and New Orleans to New York or Boston.

With such prospects, rapidly becoming realities, it is well worth while to consider whether the price which our stock commands in the market shows a just appreciation of its intrinsic value.

All which is respectfully submitted,

By order of the Board,

J. M. FORBES, President M. C. R. R. Co.

Boston, June 22, 1852,

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the President and Directors of the Michigan Central Railroad Company.

I respectfully submit to you the annual accounts for the year ending 31st ult.

The account marked A, gives the standing of the company in General Account. By a comparison of this account with that of the previous year, it will be found that the Capital Stock has been increased in the sum of five hundred and ninety-nine thousand, four hundred dollars. This increase grows out of a Stock Dividend of ten per cent. in the month of December last, and a sale of Stock for the balance of the amount.

The Bonded Debt has been increased in the sum of one hundred and sixty-three thousand dollars.

The proceeds of the sales of Stock and Bonds have been appropriated towards the liquidation of the cost of the Road between Michigan city towards Chicago, and in payment of iron for the relaying of the original road to the eastward of Kalamazoo.

The paper marked B, gives the standing of the Company in Income Account, and showing but a small balance to the credit of that account. The paper annexed to this report, and marked C, is a copy of the state of

the accounts of this Company, agreeably to a circular issued from this office on the 22d day of December last. It will be seen by a reference to it that the balance of Income account was four hundred and sixty-one thousand, three hundred and sixty-four dollars and eighty cents on the first day of December last, and after deducting the dividend of fourteen per cent. declared on the twenty-second of December and amounting to four hundred and four thousand, one hundred and thirtyeight dollars, there was still to the credit of that account the sum of fifty-seven thousand, two hundred and twenty-six dollars and eighty cents. The unfortunate stranding of the Company's steamer, May Flower, and the consequent expenses in protecting her during the winter and finally putting her afloat, far exceeded any estimate which had been made, and reduces therefore any balance to the credit of Income Account the whole amount of those extra expenditures.

The paper marked D, gives the gross receipts and the amount of Operating and Interest Account for the year, the receipts being one million, seventy-five thousand, two hundred and ninety-four dollars and fifteen cents, against nine hundred and sixty-seven thousand, one hundred and four dollars and fifty-six cents the previous year, and showing an increase of one hundred and eight thousand, one hundred and eighty-nine dollars and fifty-nine cents; the Operating and Interest Account being seven hundred and forty five thousand, three hundred and ten dollars and fifty-nine cents, against six hundred and seventy-eight thousand, three hundred and nine dollars and fifty cents, the previous year, and showing an increase of sixty-seven thousand and one dollars and nine cents; the net receipts being three hundred and twenty-nine thousand, nine hundred and eighty-three dollars and fifty-six cents, against two hundred and eighty-eight thousand, seven hundred and ninety-five dollars and six cents, and showing an increase of forty-one thousand, one hundred and eightyseven dollars and fifty cents, over the previous year.

When it is taken into view that, for six months of the year just closed, there has been a competing road opened from Lake Erie to Chicago, and that during the months of April and May the Company were deprived of the earnings of their steamer May Flower, this statement of the Receipts may be considered a favorable one.

GEO. B. UPTON, Treasurer.

Office of the Michigan Central Railroad Company, Boston, June 1, 1852.

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GEO. B. UPTON, Treasurer.

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BOSTON, JUNE 1, 1852.

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	1852.  To Balance of this account per Treasurer's Report of June 1, 1851,  To Receipts of Road from June 1, 1851, 1851, to June 1, 1852, per statement D,		To Balance of Income Account this day,	
	1852.   June 1.   7			

GEO. B. UPTON, Treasurer.

Boston, June 1, 1852.

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MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD CO. IN GENERAL ACCOUNT, DEC. 1, 1851.

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Dec. 1. By Construction, purchase of road,	D. CONTRA.	By Operating Expenses,		GEO. B. UPTON, Treasurer.
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To Capital Stock,  " 8 per cent. Loan, not convertible,  " 8 " " " "  " Bills payable,	INCOME ACCOUNT.	1, To balance of account per Report this day, 1, 1, 2, 1, 2, 3, 1	1851. Dec. 1, To Balance of this Account, . • • •	ਜ਼ ਜ਼ ਜ਼
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BOSTON, DECEMBER 1, 1851.

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	31, 1852.	Amount.	470,930.97	329,983.56	1,075,294.15
	ding May	Amount.	\$ 66,712.76 35,446.151 35,446.151 24,602.93 19,652.36 52,270.05 9,033.33 7,587.87 117,915.45 47,545.84 89,824.41 506,175.97		<u></u> _
D.	Operating Account and Interest for year ending May 31, 1852.	Account.	Road Repairs,  Building  Cocomotive Repairs,  Car  Train  Train  Train  The Color of the Color o	By balance, being net receipts of the year ending May 31, 1852,	
	peratin	Date.	1852. June 1.		
		Amount.	1,075,294.15		1,075.294.15
	Gross Receipts of Road for year ending May 31, 1852.	Total.	\$101,678.38 82.27.00 97,877.75 123,199.78 197,743.07 101,334.47 66,503.25 36,074.25 17,827 90,975.87 179,448.55	-	
D.	year endi	Miscellane- ous.	\$ 3,893.75 2,401.56 4,625.73 12,000.00 30,670.57 2,189.70 2,96.25 		
Ι .	Road for	Passengers. Miscellane-	3, 42,517.93 & 55,266.70 28,073.13 28,565.30 42,472.52 66,530.82 100.541.68 48,249.91 55,884 86 36,162.96 30,044.04 14,958.83 21,115.42 8190.40 9,337.50 17,064.35 8210.93		
	Receipts of	Freight	\$ 42,517.93 \$ 22,5673.13 \$ 22,5673.13 \$ 22,5673.13 \$ 22,424.55.2 \$ 66,530.82 \$ 14,958.83 \$ 81,90.40 \$ 17,064.45 \$ 82,917.77 \$ 83,941.77 \$ 418,938.97 \$ 5		<b>x</b>
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Boston, June 1, 1852.

GEO. B. UPTON, Treasurer.

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### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

### To the President and Directors of the Michigan Central Railroad Company.

The following Report upon the business and operations of the Road for the year ending May 31, 1852, is respectfully submitted.

At the date of my last Report the Road was in operation to Michigan City only. During the past year the Road has been extended westward to the Illinois Central Railroad twelve miles from Chicago and thence through Indiana and over that Road to the City, to which place it was opened for public use on the 21st of last month.

Fifty-one miles of the flat bar track remaining between Jackson and Kalamazoo has been relaid during the past year, and the remainder (only one and one-half miles) will be relaid by the 10th of the present month, when the whole line will be laid with the heavy rail of 61 pounds per yard.

Upwards of forty miles of gravel Road-bed has been made and ballasting done during the past year, upon portions of the line where either were imperfect.

This work can probably be nearly or quite completed through the whole line the present season, giving a good road-bed and well ballasted track through the whole line the present year, when it is hoped many of our repair accounts can be somewhat reduced, as the smoother the track, the less the expenditure for repairs both upon the present way and rolling Stock.

The stranding of the Company's Steamer "May Flower" last December has proved a serious item in the accounts for the year. The place of the disaster was upon the coast of Pennsylvania on Lake Erie, where the bottom was rocky with floating sand bars near the shore, which changed with every wind. The coast at this point is very much exposed to all but southerly winds and rendered the position of the Steamer one of great peril, until a large and substantial breakwater was constructed outside of her to keep off the sea and floating ice which is driven upon this coast with great fury in the winter season.

The unusual severity of the past winter added very greatly to the expense of constructing this protection, as well as to that of raising the Steamer and putting her in order for service. The water near her was not deep enough to launch her from ways in the usual manner. She therefore had to be raised upon screws, repaired while hanging upon the screws and there let down upon scows, which taking part of the weight reduced her draft to the depth of water where she lay and allowed her to float away.

The cost of breakwaters, taking up and repairing the Steamer, including improvements in her accommodations, new furniture, &c., &c., was something above \$66,000. Not a timber in her was broken and her strength or value is not in the slightest degree impaired by the accident.

The want of the May Flower in the North Shore Line this spring has left a vacancy which has been filled by a first class Steamer, but not of the speed necessary

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to make the connections, which has considerably injured our business for the time. Navigation last year was fully opened the last of March, and this year not till the second week in May. The average date of the opening of navigation is not later than the first week in April.

The very late opening of navigation this season has reduced the earnings of the last half of March and the whole of April, very largely below what they would have otherwise been.

We are now running and propose to continue to run two Steamboat trains between Detroit and Chicago, as follows. The Morning Train from Detroit takes passengers from the Dunkirk or New York and Erie Railroad Line, and the Cleveland Line and Sandusky Line of Steamers.

The Evening Train takes passengers from the Buffalo or North Shore Line of Steamers.

The Morning Train from Chicago connects in the evening at Detroit with the Dunkirk, or New York and Erie Railroad Line, and the Cleveland Line. The Evening Train from Chicago connects at Detroit in the morning with the North Shore Line of Steamers for Buffalo and the Sandusky Line. The Line of Steamers from Chicago northward, connects with the Evening Train from Detroit, and southward with the Evening Train from Chicago.

The following Low Pressure Steamers are running in our connection upon which passengers are ticketed.

BUFFALO, OR NORTH SHORE LINE. Steamers May Flower, Atlantic and Ocean.

DUNKIRK, OR NEW YORK AND ERIE RAILROAD LINE. Steamers Key Stone State, Niagara and Lady Elgin.

### CLEVELAND LINE. Steamers Cleveland and Forest City.

SANDUSKY LINE.

Steamer Arrow.

### MILWAURIE LINE.

Steamers Arctic and Pacific.

Stock of Cars and Locomotives upon the Road, is as follows:

### FREIGHT CARS.

65	open	8	wheeled	Cars,	recko	ned	l as sing	gle,	-	_ '	130
<b>27</b> 0	covered	8	"	66	66		"	-	-	-	540
16	"	8	"	"	fitted	for	Emigr	ants,	single,	-	32
58	"	4	"	"	66	as	single,	•	-	-	58
10	open .	4	"	"	66	68	66	-	-	-	10
											770

### PASSENGER CARS.

3	first	class	8 8	wheeled	Cars	48	seats	each,	-	-	144	seats.	
1	"	66	8	"	"	56	"	66	-	•	56	"	
7	66	"	12	"	"	<b>67</b>	"	"	-	_'	469	"	
11	"	"	12	"	"	76	"	66	-	-	836	"	
<b>2</b>	$^{2d}$	class	8	66	66	48	"	"	-	_	96	"	
<b>2</b>	"	"	8	"	66	<b>4</b> 0	"	66	-	-	80	"	
4	"	"	8	"	"	64	"	46	-	-	256	66	

Seats for - - 1937

Five Baggage Cars, three of which are fitted up with distributing Post Offices.

### GRAVEL AND OTHER CARS.

Gravel Cars,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
Hand Cars,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45
Repairing Cars,	-	-	•	ed	•	•	•	36

### RECAPITULATION.

Freight (	Cars,	${f reckoned}$	as	single,	-	-	-	-	770
Passenge:	r "	60	"	"	-	-	-	-	30
Baggage	"	66	"	"	-	-	-	-	5
Gravel	"	"	"	"	-	-	-	-	48
Hand	66	"	"	"	-	-	-	-	45
Repairing	. "	"	"	"	-	-	-	-	36
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### The present Stock of Locomotives, is as follows:

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1 of 12 tons 2 drivers.
2 " 13 " 2 "
1 " 12 " 4 "
12 " 18 " 4 "
2 " 19 " 4 "
1 " 21 " 4 "
6 " 21 " 4 "
9 " 24 " 6 "
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We have had upon our Road during the past year an average of but thirty Locomotives, two of these are small ones, and have been used (one at each end of the Road) in making up trains, leaving but twenty-eight to run a distance of 861,689 miles, giving an average of nearly 31,000 miles per Locomotive.

It will be necessary to place upon the line during the coming year about seventy-five double freight cars, fourteen passenger and baggage cars, and six to eight locomotives to meet such an increase of business as may reasonably be expected the following year.

The earnings and operating expenses of the Road from June 1, 1851, to May 31, 1852 inclusive, have been as follows:—

### EARNINGS.

### From Passengers.

Eastward,

Total expenses as per statement, including rebuilding of Carpenter's shop at Detroit, burned last winter,

Protection, removal and repairs of Steamer May

\$216,616.36

149,284.78 \$365,901.14

\$1,069,947.66

\$357,201.46

47,545.84

Through Passengers Westward,

Total earnings for the year,

State Tax.

Flower.

$\mathbf{W}$ ay	46	Westward,	115,113.30	
"	46	Eastward,	100,462.80	215,576.10
Total from	Passeng	ers,		\$581,477,24
		FROM FREIG	HTS.	
Transporta	tion of v	vheat and flour,	186,161.04	
"	" (	other freights,	226,276.98	
7	Total fron	n freight,		\$412,438.02
Miscellane	ous earn	ings, including Unit	ted States Mail	
and net	earnings	of Steamer May F	lower,	76,032.40

66,183.67 Statement "A" gives a comparative view of the number and receipts from way passengers for the last two years, and "B" gives the same for whole passenger business.

Statement "C" shows the amount received from wheat and flour, and from other freights for the last two years compared. This shows a falling off of earnings from the transportation of wheat and flour of \$53,137.62.

The very low price of flour the last year may not have called it out as fully as usual, but the main reason is doubtless in the crop not being quite as large as supposed.

Statement "D" gives the gross earnings of the year in monthly statements, and "E" gives a condensed view of the business of the road for the past five years.

Statement "F" shows the quantity of different kinds of freight moved, in monthly statements for the year, and "G" the same in yearly statements for the last five years.

Statement "H" gives sundry information as to distances and freight and passenger rates upon the road, and "I" the number of miles run by locomotives during the past year, and "J," the monthly disbursements on account of operating the road.

The completion of the chain of Roads, forming a connection between the Michigan Southern Railroad and the city of Chicago, was effected and that line opened for public use, soon after the opening of our own line to that City.

The through freighting business has never, until this opening, been of much value to the Company. The through passenger business will therefore be the only branch of our business to be materially affected by that line. An approximate estimate of this effect may not be out of place in this report.

Our through passenger earnings for the last three years, have been as follows:

Year ending May 31, 1850, - - \$198,547.46
" 31, 1851, - - 290,516.48
" 31, 1852, - - 365,901.14

The average increase of earnings from this business for the year has been 36 per cent.

Of this amount as much as one-fifth has been to and from the city of Detroit, and the towns upon the river north of it, leaving four-fifths open to competition.

It is certainly fair to presume that the extension of the lines to Chicago, the time saved and many inconveniences avoided thereby will add to the average increase one-third. This will give 48 per cent. as the increase in this business that may be fairly calculated upon, if this is to be an average year for business, and it seems to promise a good one. Four-fifths of the last year's through passenger earnings, is \$292,720.91 Add to this for increase 48 per cent. 140,506.03

Total business in competition,

\$433,226.94

Now if we assume that the other line will get one half of this, which is probably much more than they expect, it will leave for us - - \$216,613.47 Add the same per cent. of increase to the one-fifth not in competition, and it gives 108,306.74

And the result stands at

\$324,920.21

This shows a supposed loss upon our through business of about \$41,000. An average increase in our local business would amount to several times that sum and leave us with a very respectable increase of earnings for the coming year; after which I see no reason why we may not expect an increase as liberal as usual.

These suppositions are made independent of the additional length of Road just opened to the public use, which will add its due value to the margin of safety in the estimate.

From Michigan City southward the New Albany and Salem Railroad will open the coming summer, about sixty miles of their road, and may be of considerable value to us as a feeder next fall and winter.

Early next year, it is confidently hoped the whole line may be completed to the Ohio River, when it will be a very valuable feeder to 227 miles of our line.

The Illinois Central Railroad have considerable of their work under contract and vigorously progressing, and during the present month propose to close contracts for constructing about 300 miles more of their line.

Some of this line will doubtless be opened the present season and a large amount the season following.

The opening of this and other lines in the State of Illinois will rapidly develop the resources of that State and add very materially to the business of our Road.

The progress of the Great Western Railroad connecting our Road with the New York Central line at Niagara Falls is very satisfactory, and may be reasonably expected to be opened next summer to the public. We shall then be connected by rail with the Atlantic States, and our communication with the sea-board be shortened at least twelve hours.

The opening of this line will introduce new sources of revenue, as well as largely increase the general business of our Road and by its tendency to equalize our winter and summer traffic, somewhat reduce the average cost of working our Road.

I am very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. W. BROOKS,

Superintendent and Engineer.

Detroit, June 1, 1852.

### TABLES

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

A.

Statement of the number of Way Passengers and the Earnings from the same for the years ending May 31, 1851, and May 31, 1852.

Months.			NO. OF WAY	PASSENGERS.	WAY PASSENG	ER EARNINGS.
•			Year ending May 31, 1851.	Year ending May 31, 1852.	Year ending May 31, 1851.	Year ending May 31, 1852.
June,	-	-	11,583	$14,433\frac{1}{2}$	20,988.04	25,567.08
July, August, -	-	-	$10,748 \\ 8,986$	$12,539\frac{1}{2}$ $11,817\frac{1}{8}$	17,271.87 15,465.09	20,529.50 19,835.11
September, October, -	-	-	16,848	$18,970\frac{2}{2}$	24,895.49	30,890.38
November,	-	-	$13,637$ $10,049\frac{1}{2}$	$16,131 \\ 10,802\frac{1}{2}$	26,738.65 16,781.19	28,842.94 $16,532.36$
December, January, -	-	-	6,164 $5,375$	$7,757$ $6,554\frac{1}{5}$	9,809.55 7,533.99	10,196.41 8,521.44
February,	-	-	$5,244\frac{1}{2}$	6,067	7,162.72	7,799.88
March, - April,	-	-	$7,155\frac{1}{2}$ $10,050$	$\begin{array}{c c} 7,494\frac{1}{2} \\ 9,274 \end{array}$	11,372.82 18,391.88	10,217.20 14,745.44
May,	-	-	12,136	$12,130\frac{1}{2}$	23,191.91	21,898.36
Total, -	-	-	$117,976\frac{1}{2}$	133,972	\$199,603.20	\$215,576.10

B.

Statement of the whole number of Passengers and Earnings from the same for the years ending May 31, 1851, and May 31, 1852.

Months.			WHOLE NO. OF	PASSENGERS.	PASSENGER	EARNINGS.
220111102			Year ending May 31, 1851.	Year ending May 31, 1852.	Year ending May 31, 1851.	Year ending May 31, 1852.
June, July, August, - September, October, - November,	-		$\begin{array}{c} 20,259\frac{1}{2} \\ 18,004\frac{1}{2} \\ 16,636 \\ 27,519\frac{1}{2} \\ 25,458 \\ 15,208 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 25,807 \\ 21,841\frac{1}{2} \\ 21,231 \\ 32,965 \\ 31,606 \\ 17,758\frac{1}{3} \end{array}$	50,304.24 42,100.51 43,438.93 62,512.33 70,062.45 38,652.72	71,163.50 62,132.46 59,862.02 90,982.84 95,606.60 46,116.73
December, January, - February, - March, - April, - May, -			6,907 5,676 5,572 8,835 17,385 24,391	$\begin{array}{c c} 8,988 \\ 7,080 \\ 6,433\frac{1}{2} \\ 8,182 \\ 13,865 \\ 25,442 \end{array}$	14,441.48 9,524.76 9,330.72 21,995.44 53,046.95 74,709.15	17,151.02 11,837.29 10,061.61 14,261.37 35,783.24 66,518.56
Total, -	-	-	$191,851\frac{1}{2}$	$221,199\frac{1}{2}$	\$490,119.68	\$581,477.24

C.

Statement showing amount received from Wheat and Flour, and from all other Freights for the years ending May 31, 1851, and May 31, 1852.

Months.			Am't rec'd from V	Vheat and Flour.	Amount rec'd fro	m other Freight.
FIORUIS.			Year ending May 31, 1c51.	Year ending May 31, 1852.	Year ending May 31, 1851.	Year ending May 31, 1852.
June,	-	-	2,287.20	9,220.38	14,078.16	26,549.24
July,	-	-	1,215.21	7,628.85	10,109.45	15,419.29
August, -	-	-	20,053.23	13,422.05	14,453.28	20,237.70
September,	_	_	35,675.12	24,750.01	15,839.63	20,373.60
October, -	_	_	61,211.57	46,871.04	23,275.46	27,575.18
November.	_	_	49,550.35	37,035.19	13,900 91	14,982.11
December,	-	_	9,221.17	6,987.39	11,438.38	11,167.38
January, -	_	_	9,000.61	7,139.68	6,477.99	6,157.26
February,	-	_	9,638.89	9,726.96	3,882.54	4,354.65
March,	-	-	8,599.91	8,048.38	9,166.07	6,085.51
April,	-	-	20,182.24	6,386.99	17,038.77	15,124.13
May,	-	•	12,663.16	8,944.12	29,490.66	58,250.93
Total, -	-	-	\$239,298.66	\$186,161.04	\$169,151.30	\$226.276.98

D.

Statement of the Earnings of the Michigan Central Railroad, from June 1, 1851, to May 31, 1852, inclusive.

Months.	_	Freight.	Passengers.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
			J		
	-	07.500.00	51 100 50	0.000.55	
June,	-	35,769.62	,	,	, .
July,	-	23,048.14	$62,\!132.46$	2,401.56	87,582.16
August, -	_	33,659.75	59,862.02	4,465 73	97,987.50
September,	-	45,123.61	90,982.84	12,010.78	148,117.23
October, -	_	74,446.22	95,606.60	30,670.57	200,723 39
November,	_	52,017.30	46,116.73	2,189.70	100,323.73
December,	-	18,154.77	17,151.02	296.25	35,602,04
January, -	_	13,296.94	11,837.29		25,134.23
February, -	-	14,081.61	10,061.61		24,143.22
March, -	-	14,133.89	14,261.37		28,395.26
April,	-	21,511.12	35,783.24		57,294.36
May,	-	67,195.05	$66,\!518.56$	20,104.06	153,817.67
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Total, -	-	\$412,438.02	\$581,477.24	\$76,032.40	\$1,069.947.66

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## CONDENSED STATEMENT

Of Business of the Michigan Central Railroad for the last five years.

Years ending.	No. of Way Passengers.		No. of Through Passengers.	Total No. of Passengers.	No. of Tons Freight moved.	Gross Earnings.	Operating Expenses including State	Net Earnings.
May 31, 1848, -	- 65,363	63	14,368	80,231	45,918	\$401,047.52	\$201,858.46	\$199,189.06
May 31, 1849, -	- 78,2	543	$17,815\frac{1}{2}$	06,070	59,194	427,429.53		188,195.77
May 31, 1850, -	0,76   -	82	55,590	152,672	81,066	691,972.42	301,649.13	390,323.29
May 31, 1851, -	$-117,976\frac{1}{9}$	763	73,875	$191,851\frac{1}{9}$	134,208	947,347.39		605,682.74
May 31, 1852.	- 133,9	72	$87.227\frac{1}{2}$	$221,199\frac{1}{2}$	123,127	1,069,947.66		665,200.36

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# MONTHLY STATEMENT Of Freight moved during the year ending May 31, 1852.

Articles.		June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	Total amount moved in the year ending May 31, 1852.
Annles	Phls			231	205	928	1.409	325	195	85	99	25		3,550
Ale and Beer.	3	171	167	106	154	187	328	100	85	102	137	133	266	1,933
Ashes.	tons	4	24	19	16	14	56	15	18	15	18	29		307
Barley,	bush.	18		147	474	595	843	1,219	430	1,343	2,187	3,666		11,224
Buckwheat Flour,	tons					9	4	4	က			,		/ I
Beans,	bush.	16		1~			67	63		25	-	15		224
Bran and Shorts,	tons	23	36	57	59	120	139	122		88	7.75	26		708
Beef,	bbls.	ಣ		9	7	80	1,245	101	19	20	-1	108		1,593
Butter.	tons	13	6	6		34	24	13		2	11	78		213
Corn,	bush.	72,866	43,186	48,512	8,512	16,404	1,012	2,517	6,549	6,257	11,044	17,360		244,508
Cornmeal.	bbls.	18		13		237				65	29	44		212
Cheese.	tons	6		10		28	32	12		1-	4	4	7	166
Cranberries.	bbls.					1,247	360	45		4	37	19	28	1,948
Coal,	tons	37	77	80	140	176	108	39		13		47	29	824
Fruit, dried.	3	14	13	4	01	80	-	Ó		9	63	9	24	94
	bbls.	18,296	15,749	28,101	55,018	99,201	71,031	20,767	16,970	24,925	22,653	20,879	30,710	424,297
Furniture and Luggage, -	tons	172	163	152	249	414	284	101		65	85	1.1	345	2,262
Grass and Clover Seed, -	ន	_				-		=		_	13	17	20	37
Garden Roots,	bush.	3,826	516	54	669	2,284	2,754	2,649	310	299	2,372	4,260	2,556	22,879
Ham and Bacon,	tons	7	භ	_				2	2	~	2	55	, ,	76001
Highwines,	bbls.	739	512	292	483	516	483	503	284	216	595	678	1,555	200,7
Hides,	tons	7	4	4	CV	10	22	22	10	1	Ξ	20	26.0	/+T .
Iron and Nails,	<b>\$</b>	177	29	<b>†</b> 6	123	205	319	67	39	44	44	69	219	1,479

383	2,276,395	316	283	14	15,851	58,220	342	1,213	298	88	4,078	1,341	17,837	460	5,298	492	578,778	3,802	2,671	474	4,003	1,365	4,118	4,144	123,127
52	178,800	29	48	-	3,237	11,258	74	354	14	14	244	_	759	21	842	61	10,563	346	1,210	80	236	137	316	53	996,01
20	197,798	23	15		639	4,107	83	252	5	10	2,087	17	412	7	463	_	17,490	257	727	91	118	က		19	6,663
13	114,486	11	10		463	6,646	10	126	17	11	63	~	55	_	445	_	23,418	206	13	109	26	C)	23	22	5,230
13	129,327	9	∞		347	1,641	က	42	24	11	73	12	36	4	556	_	33,427	222	6	9				က	4,082
	896,76	_	10		408		19	19	26	18	149	232	152	4	197	_	33,629	286	-	9				330	4,731
9	115,687	2	24	C)	199	563	, 16	162	4	6			1,230				22,391			16	19			9	6,044
26	160,522	40	53					109		œ	31	174	2,932	175	404	20	77,141	299	က	36	891	24		26	15,336
40	185,390	46	32		2,414	4,061	, 25	132	44	က	46	20	2,845				167,920								22,191
54	293,750	28	27	4	1,912	4,144	85	-	34	_	20		3,701	, 61	412	rC.	86.419	306	27	40	559	537	262	5	14,260
31	269,329	27	22	က	1,233	5,003	63		16	S	127		1.992	46	447	24	51.482	397	14	11	417	66	951	168	11,509
42	188,878	33	18	4		6.743	65	· 63	59	-	143		2.209	19	346	181	25.042	415	29	18	337	7.1	1,013	828	9,361
44	344,460	31	16	_	1.321	12,815	6	, =	47	_	110		1.514	34	585	896	29.856	412	565	14	444	156	824	2,058	12,754
tons	M.	tons	z	ម	z	hush	tons	3 2	3	3	bbls.	tons.	phls.	tons	<u> </u>	tone	hush.	phls.	No.	3	3	¥	cords	tons	
•	•	•	•	•	dise	,	2010	, i	•	•	•	•	•	•	,		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
•	•				merchan		riontmed produ	nord minarati		Skine	, current,	Hor .					Wheat		#fe	•			•	and and Brick,	Total in Tons,
Lime.	Lumber, -	Laths.	Leather.	Willstone	Wiscellar	Oate	Other ag	Placter	Pic Iron	Polte and	Port	Porly in	Solt	Stores	Shingles	Wool	Wheat	Whicker	Neat Ca	Horses	Hoose,	Sheen	Wood.	Stone, S	•

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### Statement showing the total amount of Freight moved in the following years.

				Year end-	Year end-	Year end-	Year end-	Year end-
Articles				ing May 31,		ing May 31,		
				1848.	1849.	1850.	1851.	1852.
			1					
Apples,			bbls.	2,416	2,849	1,484	7,798	3,550
Ale and Beer,	-	- :	1	708	685	2,348	1,347	1,933
Ashes, -	-	•	tons	284	330	456	427	307
Barley,	-		2 - 12	5,998	4,918	11,646	3,999	1,125
Buckwheat Flour,	•		1	7	18	30	10	1,123
Beans,			1 2 2 11 2	171	179	1,647	1,881	223
Bran and Shorts,	-	-	tons	98	260	419	569	858
Beef	•	- :	1	40	56	959	111	1,592
Butter, -	•	-		22	29	65	120	212
Corn, -	-	-	bush.	792	15,525		118,599	
Cornmeal,	_	-		1,173	883		213	
Cheese, -	-	_		1,173	60	82	153	ı
Cranberries, -	_	_	bbls.	885	125		781	1,947
Coal,	-	-	tons	303	428		656	824
Fruit, dried, -	-	-	10118	303	118		269	
Flour,	-		bbls.	256,347	304.050			
Furniture and Lu	~~~		tons	746	1,135			
Grass and Clover				27	32		2,00.5	
Garden Roots.	Deci	,	bush.	367	6,300	1	24,530	t .
Ham and Bacon,	•	-	tons	44	51	23,533 46	54	
	•		bbls.	266	1,175	6,985	8,724	7,302
Highwines, -	-		tons	58	1,17.5		114	146
Hides,	•	-	10118	776			2,176	
Iron and Nails,	•	-	"	151	221	263	2,176	
Lime, Lumber, -	•	-	М.	499,653			2,479,748	
Laths, -	-	-	tons	33			288	
Lams, Leather, -	-	-	10118	109			277	283
Millstones, -	-	_		68	36		32	1
Miscellaneous Me	- robo	ndica	"	6,484			ľ	
Oats	-	111130,	bush.	42		, ,	45,487	
Other Agriculture	ı Pr	odnete		40	99		220	
		ouucus,	10113	188			1,264	
Plaster, -	-	_		342		829	597	299
Pig Iron, - Pelts and Skins,				28	50		151	91
	-	-	bbls.	2,105			967	4,078
Pork,	•	•	tons	153			651	1,341
Pork in Hog, Salt,	•	•	bbls.	14,271	12,166		20,765	17,837
	-	•	tons	341	372		581	460
Stoves,	-	-	M.	1,987	4,161	7,380	5,099	5,298
Shingles, -	-	-	tons	205	259		410	490
Wool,	•	-	bush.	109,197			ı	578,778
Wheat,	•	-	bbls.	1,902			3,996	3,802
Whiskey, -	•	-	No.	1,302			515	2,671
Tions Carrier,	•	•	. 110.	14	64	360	285	474
Horses, -	•	•	"	75	248		3,582	4,003
Hogs,	-		1 ,,	63	85	1,793	845	1,365
Sheep,	-	•	cords		63	1,017	5,865	4,118
Wood,	- Ruich	<b>-</b>	tons	1		1,017	0,000	4,145
Stone, Sand and I	PIICE	٠,	tons					
Total in Tons,			.	45,918	59,194	81,066	134,208	123,127
TOTAL III TOUS,	~ .	-	1	1 20,010	1 00,101	01,000	101,400	,

II.

Schedule of Stations, with their Distances and Rates of Freight and Passenger Fare from Detroit.

Stations.	Miles from	Passeng	ger Fare.	Ra	tes of Frei	ght.
	Detroit.	1st Class.	2d Class.	1st Class.	2d Class.	3d Class.
	<del></del>			Cents per 100 lbs.	Cents per 100 lbs.	Cents per 100 lbs.
Detroit,*						_
Dearborn,	10.1	.30	.25	7	6	3
County House,	15.7	.50				
WAYNE,	17.5	.55	.45	10	8	5
Sheldons,	22.2	.75				_
Dentons,	24.8	.80		14	10	6
YPSILANTI,	29.4	.90	.75	16	11	7
Geddes,	33.3	1.00		18	12	8
Ann Arbor,	37.4	1.10	.90	20	14	8
Delhi,	42.6	1.25		22	16	10
Scio,	44.3	1.30		23	16	10
Dexter,	469	1.35	1.05	24	17	11
CHELSEA,	54 4	1.60	1.25	27	20	13
Franciscos,	61.2	1.80	•	30	21	14
GRASS LAKE,	65.4	1.95	1.50	31	23	15
Leoni,	682	2.00		32	23	16
Michigan Centre, -	71.5	2.10		34	24	17
JACKSON,	75.6	2.25	1.75	35	25	18
Sandstone,	81.8	2,45	l			
PARMA,	86.4	2.55	2.00	39	27	20
Concord,	89 1	2.65		40	29	21
Bath Mill,	92.	2.75		41	29	22
ALBION,	95.5	2.85	2.20	42	29	23
Marengo,	101.	3 00		43	30	24
MARSHALL,	107.3	3.20	2.50	44	31	26
Ceresco,	112.5	3.35		46	32	27
BATTLE CREEK,	120.2	3.50	2.65	47	33	29
Augusta,	129.9	3.70		49	35	31
GALESBURGH,	134.3	3,80	2.85	50	36	32
Comstock,	139.3	3.90		50	38	32
KALAMAZOO,	143.1	4.00	3.00	50	38	33
Mattawan,	155.3	4.25	ļ			
Paw Paw,	159.4	4.35	3.25	50	38	33
DECATUR,	167.l	4.50	3.40	50	38	32
Dowagiac,	178.2	4.60	3.50	50	38	29
Pokagon,	184.1	4.70		50	38	28
NILES,	190.7	4.80	3.60	50	37	27
BUCHANAN,	197.	5.00		47	35	27
TERRE COUPEE, -	201.4	5.20	3.95	43	32	24
Chamberlins,	210.1	5.50				
NEW BUFFALO,	217.9	5.75	4.30	40	28	23
MICHIGAN CITY, -	227.	6.00	4.50	40	28	23
PORTER,	239.7	6.25	4.70	40	28	23
LAKE,	248.1	6.40	4.80	40	28	23
Gibsons,	259 9	6 60		40	28	23
Junction,	269.	6.75		40	28	23
CHICAGO,	280.	7.00	5.00	40	28	23

<sup>\*</sup> Those in small capitals are regular stations, others are signal stations.

I.

Statement of miles run by Locomotives, from June 1, 1851, to May 31, 1852, inclusive.

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Months.	Passenger Trains.	Freight Trains.	Gravel Trains.	Hauling Wood.	Hauling Ties, Iron, Timber, &c.	Total Miles.
<del></del>	20.40.4					
June,	28,484		,	68	-,	. ,
July,	28,906	25,480	9,168	132	8,034	71,720
August,	29,015	19,089	19,901	282	6,154	74,441
September, -	35,053	19,383	22,487		436	77,359
October,	32,449	31,640	16,217	208	3,772	84,286
November, -	26,357	24,124	21,092	480	2,268	74,321
December, -	18,102	23,247	21,861	327	3,700	67,237
January, -	21,018	22,456	24,656	300	150	68,580
February, -	14,702	17,866	27,754	700	3,363	64,385
March,	13,7,60	20,161	26,941	928	3,457	65,247
April,	12,535	25,591	25,250	218	8,807	72,401
May,	25,000	31,941	17,109	109	3,009	77,168
Total, -	285,381	$284,\!516$	242,536	3,752	45,504	861,689

### STATEMENT

Of the Mouthly Disbursements on Account of operating the Michigan Central Railroad for the year ending May 31st, 1852.

Months.	Road Repairs.	Building Repairs.	Locomotive Repairs.	Car Repairs.	Locomotive Services.	Train Services.	Station Services.	Fuel.	Oil and Waste.	Stationery.	State Tax.	Miscella- neous.	Total.
June,	\$ 4.391.62		(/)	Ø	\$2,817.41	84600	\$7,204.80	1 63	\$ 786.91	\$ 278.20	8	\$4,876.06	\$30,912.81
July,	6,164.84				3,402.13	805.33	6,149.91		1,598 06	238.09	•	3,854.21	29,343.98
August,	7.141.46				2,476.83	79533	6,284.64		1,022.28	1,042.81	•	2,913.58	29,839.09
September,	6,791.35				4,006.02	889.37	7,671.06		952.64	290.28	•	6,498.84	35,753.75
October,	6,593.15				1,614.68	1,115,86	8,755.38		4,532.57	220.95	•	6,928.04	32,185.11
November,	4,373.20				1,417.01	1,248.19	13,362.92		79.55	2,453.80	•	5,037.78	29,232 85
December,	4,926.21				929 88	806.39	7,318.60		28.10	1,503 87		2,396.86	23,710.10
January,	2,037.18	899.67	1,553.85	843.75	712.76	733.67	5,695.44	5,015.17	4.99	162.61	47,545.84	2,571.38	67,776.31
February,	3,766.03				386.58	950.20	5,91014		3.38	88 34		4,494.06	40,549.09
March,	4,383.25				617.82	516.71	5,952.69		2.61	279.14		1,705.72	40,737.81
April,	5,393.91				668.82	658.61	7,038.94		18.72	265.53		1.877.80	35,468.67
May,	10,750.56				602.42	1,257.67	8,479.89		3 52	764.25	•	8,577.45	* 9,237.73
	66,712.76	6,712.76 24,961.51	35,446.13	24,602.93	35,446 13 24,602.93 19,652.36	10,623.33		89,824.41 52,270.05	9,033.33	9,033.33 7,587.87 47,545.84 51,731.78	47,545.84	51,731.78	404,747.30

\* \$25,245 00, deducted from May, and chargeable to Construction for the year, being the cost of work done for Construction, and charged to Operating Accounts.